Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 at 12:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery weather and colder for a time, then milder with occasionally wet weather from later Saturday, but low for timing of rain on Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 25 Mar 2021: Mainly cloudy morning with some showery rain and mountain snow then brighter in afternoon with sunny intervals but a few heavier showers possible.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Dull	Light snow	Light snow	Light rain	Sleet showers	Heavy rain showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	20%	40%	60%	50%	50%	50%	50%

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Weather: Some clear spells in the early hours, then clouding over later in the night with some mostly light intermittent rain with snow above 700m. This leads into a mostly cloudy morning, with further patchy light rain with snow above 700m rising 900m. Then a brighter afternoon and early evening with sunny intervals but with a few heavy showers passing through, these still of snow on the Munro tops, and drifting on the Plateau. Remaining showery after dark.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% until late morning then 60% in afternoon and falling 40% in the evening.

Visibility: Moderate, perhaps poor in the morning. General visibility then improving in the afternoon good clarity, but with but heavier showers will bring some spells of poor visibility in showers. Cloud: Layered around 500-750m with lower patches, at first with very poor summit visibility, then becoming broken bases generally rising 800-900m with a few patches to 700m near showers. Cloud may become more widespread again in the evening though towards the Lecht it should stay clearer.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/48 SW	31/42 SW	30/39 SW	31/41 SW	28/39 SW	29/41 S	31/44 S	35/49 S	38/53 S
900	34/43 SW	29/37 SW	30/38 SW	31/40 S	26/36 SW	28/39 S	30/41 S	34/47 S	36/50 S
600	22/32 SW	18/27 SW	19/28 SW	21/31 SW	19/30 SW	20/31 SW	19/31 S	24/37 S	24/38 S
300	13/28 SW	9/23 SW	11/25 SW	13/28 SW	15/31 SW	15/31 SW	11/25 S	14/30 S	13/30 S
Glen	6/23 SW	5/21 SW	5/20 SW	7/23 SW	9/28 SW	7/24 SW	5/21 S	6/23 S	6/25 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-13	-3/-12	-2/-10	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11
900	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	0/-8	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-6	1/-7
600	1/-5	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	4/-1	5/-0	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2
300	3/-2	3/-1	4/-0	5/2	8/4	8/5	7/4	6/2	6/2
Glen	3/-0	3/0	3/1	6/2	10/6	11/8	8/5	6/3	6/2
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	900m	1000m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit winds could be 10mph higher than the table shows.

Forecast for Friday 26 Mar 2021
Weather: A spell of heavier rain with snow on the Munro tops overnight, clearing to showers by morning. Occasional showers during the day with some on the heavy side, with snow falling down to 400m and occasionally wintry to lower levels, most frequent west of the A9

Maximum wind: South or southwest 50 gusts 75mph in early hours then 40 gusts 55 mph during the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% overnight then 50% by day.

Visibility: Very poor overnight. By day occasionally very good but falling poor, perhaps briefly very poor in snow showers. Cloud by day broken at 750-900m but falling 500-700m in showers with the odd lower patch

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 at daybreak rising to Plus 6 between showers by day then dipping to zero in the evening.
At 800m: Plus 2 at midnight falling to Minus 2 by morning. Temperatures fluctuating by day as showers pass through and the sunshine returns between them.
Freezing level: Above summits at midnight falling to 400m by morning, then fluctuating around that level during the day

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